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CITE: //3380.SQ3//

PASS: BUREAU ATTENTION OLIA.

SUBJECT: UNSUB, AKA AKIO KASHIWAGI (DECEASED) - VICTIM;
 RICO(C) - MURDER.

RE LEGAT TOKYO TELETYPE TO LAS VEGAS AND NEWARK, JANUARY
 14, 1992.

ON JANUARY 28, 1992, CONTACT WAS MADE WITH DIRECTOR OF
 SECURITY HILTON HOTELS CORPORATION,
 CONCERNING THE MURDER OF AKIO KASHIWAGI. INDICATED THAT
 SINCE APRIL 1985 KASHIWAGI HAS BEEN A CUSTOMER AT THE HILTON.
 KASHIWAGI'S LAST VISIT WAS NOVEMBER 1990 WHEN HE LOST TEN

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MILLION DOLLARS TO THE HOTEL. THE HOTEL COLLECTED FIVE MILLION THAT KASHIWAGI PUT UP FRONT IN JAPAN. NO EFFORT TO COLLECT THE REMAINING FIVE MILLION HAS BEEN MADE BY THE HILTON SINCE HE WAS CONSIDERED A GOOD CUSTOMER. THE HILTON BELIEVED THAT KASHIWAGI MADE HIS MONEY IN REAL ESTATE.

A CHECK WITH LAS VEGAS SOURCES CONCERNING THE MURDER OF KASHIWAGI WAS NEGATIVE.

BT *THIS MATTER WAS OPENED IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO LEGAT
TOKYO INQUIRY. NO FURTHER FOR LAS VEGAS, THIS MATTER
BEING CLOSED.*

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OO: NEWARK.

RE: LEGAT TOKYO TELETYPE TO FBIHQ, 1/14/92.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF LEGAT CANBERRA, CAPTIONED MATTER

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IS AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE BRUTAL MURDER OF AKIO KASHIWAGI
IN YAMANASHI PREFECTURE, JAPAN. AT THE TIME OF HIS MURDER, HE
OWED THE TRUMP PLAZA CASINO HOTEL (TPCH), ATLANTIC CITY, NJ,
\$10 MILLION AND THE LAS VEGAS HILTON CASINO HOTEL, \$5 MILLION.
LEGAT TOKYO IS DESIROUS OF DETERMINING WHAT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN
MADE TO COLLECT THESE DEBTS.

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DECLASSIFIED SINCE 1980 FOR APPROXIMATELY \$25 MILLION.

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COUNSEL, TPCH, ADVISED THAT ALL COLLECTION EFFORTS REGARDING KASHIWAGI'S DEBT TO THE TPCH WERE HANDLED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH THEIR LEGAL DEPARTMENT. THE FOLLOWING EFFORTS WERE MADE TO COLLECT THE \$10 MILLION OWED BY KASHIWAGI:

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THE \$6 MILLION CERTIFIED CHECK WHICH KASHIWAGI PLACED IN THE CAGE WAS DRAWN ON THE CITIBANK OF SINGAPORE. THE CORRESPONDING MARKER SIGNED BY KASHIWAGI FOR THIS AMOUNT WAS DRAWN ON THE SUMITOMO BANK, LIMITED, TOKYO, JAPAN. SHE STATED THAT IMMEDIATE EFFORTS WERE MADE BY THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT THIS MARKER BY PRESENTING IT FOR PAYMENT, BUT KASHIWAGI HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN STOPPING PAYMENT ON THE CERTIFIED CHECK WHICH BACKED THE MARKER. KASHIWAGI WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS EVEN THOUGH THE CHECK HAD BEEN CERTIFIED.

IN APPROXIMATELY JUNE, 1990, TPCH ENGAGED A NEW JERSEY LAW FIRM WHICH WAS SUCCESSFUL IN FILING A LAW SUIT AGAINST KASHIWAGI AND SECURING A DEFAULT JUDGEMENT AGAINST HIM IN NEW JERSEY. NEXT, TPCH ENGAGED A LAW FIRM IN NEW YORK IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE THE DEFAULT JUDGEMENT DOMESTICATED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THIS EFFORT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TERMINATED AS BEING COST PROHIBITIVE. A THIRD LAW FIRM IN LAS VEGAS WAS ENGAGED AND THIS FIRM WAS SUCCESSFUL IN HAVING THE DEFAULT JUDGEMENT DOMESTICATED IN NEVADA. KASHIWAGI WAS PERSONALLY SERVED THIS DEFAULT JUDGEMENT IN LAS VEGAS BY A MEMBER OF THE NEW JERSEY LAW FIRM.

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KASHIWAGI'S ASSETS IN JAPAN, BUT DID LITTLE ELSE. APPARENTLY,
THERE WAS AN UNRESOLVED QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE JAPANESE
COURTS WOULD RECOGNIZE THE DEBT AS LEGALLY BINDING ON
KASHIWAGI IN JAPAN. THE QUESTION CENTERED AROUND WHETHER
KASHIWAGI WOULD HAVE TO BE SERVED THE JUDGEMENT THROUGH
INTERNATIONAL LAW, OR WHETHER THE SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES
WAS SUFFICIENT.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH ALL
THESE LAW FIRMS CALLED FOR THE TPCH TO PAY THEM FOR WORK
PERFORMED ON AN HOURLY BASIS. SHE STATED THERE WAS NO
PERCENTAGE OR CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENT, ALTHOUGH IF IT APPEARED
LIKELY THE DEBT WOULD BE COLLECTED, TPCH WOULD PROBABLY
NEGOTIATE AN ADDITIONAL FEE WITH THEM. SHE ADVISED THAT THE
INDIVIDUAL COLLECTION EFFORTS UTILIZED BY THESE FIRMS WOULD BE
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AND OTHER PERTINENT DATA RELATED TO THESE LAW FIRMS, AS WELL

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